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SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS
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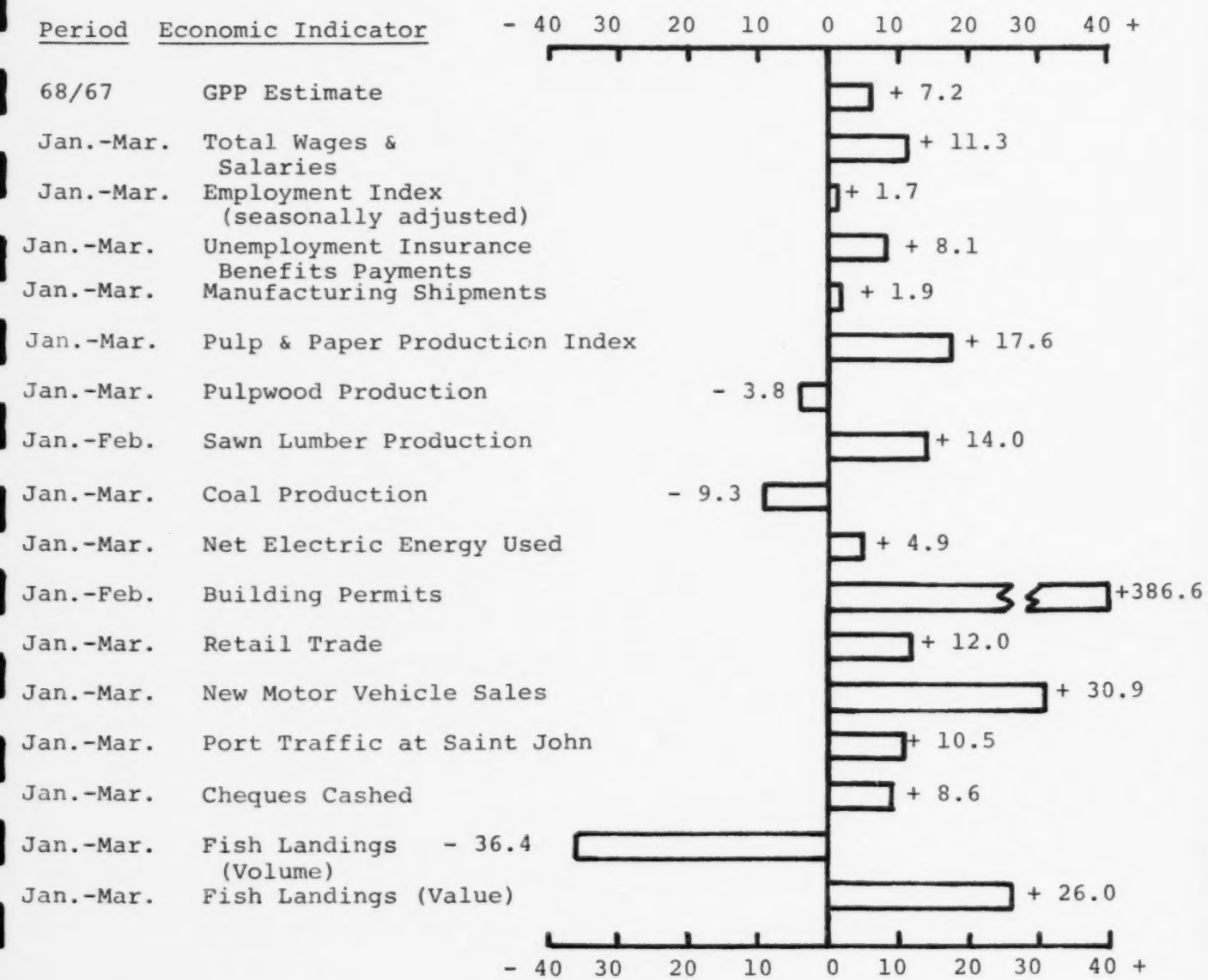
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Jan.-Mar. Manufacturing Shipments + 1.9
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Jan.-Mar. Pulpwood Production - 3.8
Jan.-Feb. Sawn Lumber Production + 14.0
Jan.-Mar. Coal Production - 9.3
Jan.-Mar. Net Electric Energy Used + 4.9
Jan.-Feb. Building Permits +386.6
Jan.-Mar. Retail Trade + 12.0
Jan.-Mar. New Motor Vehicle Sales + 30.9
Jan.-Mar. Port Traffic at Saint John + 10.5
Jan.-Mar. Cheques Cashed + 8.6
Jan.-Mar. Fish Landings (Volume) - 36.4
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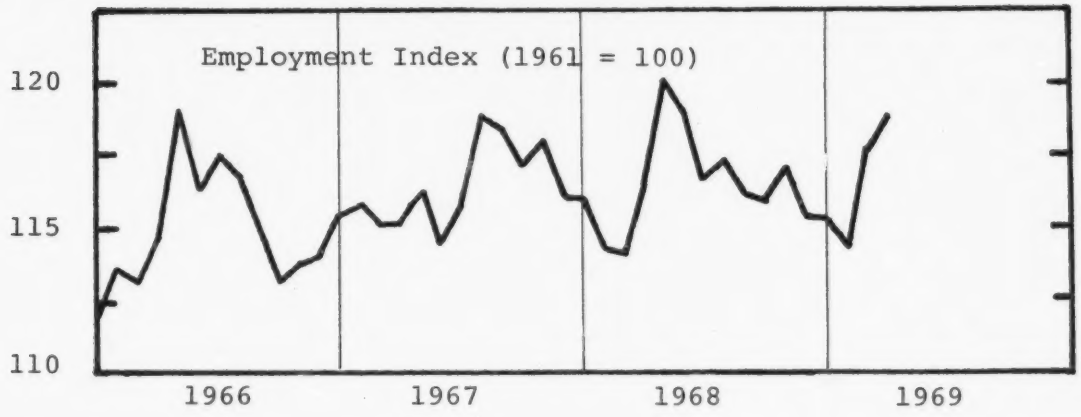
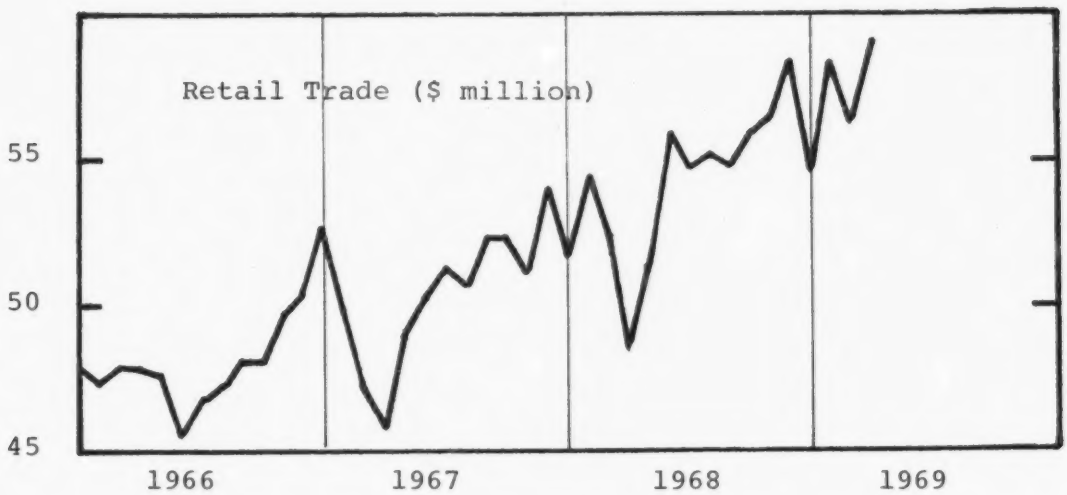
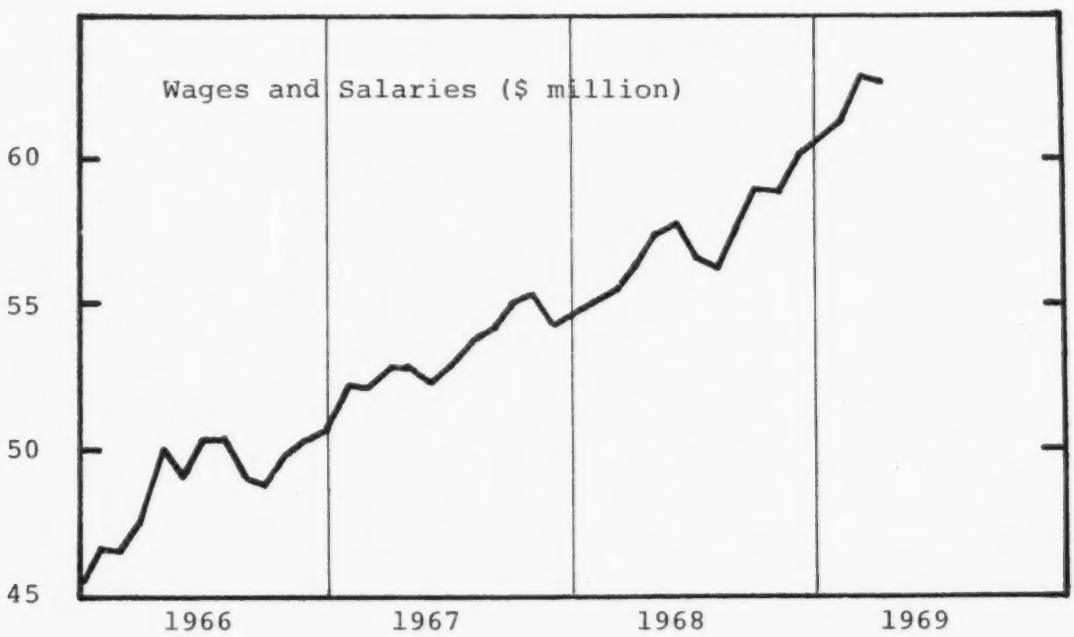
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS
New Brunswick







The New Brunswick Economy

Spurred by plans for greatly increased capital outlays in 1969, continued rapid national growth, and the momentum carried over from last year, the New Brunswick economy was off to a good start in the first quarter of this year. Output was generally higher than in the comparable months of 1968, with the main impetus coming from the construction industry. Accelerated gains were registered in wages and salaries, retail sales, labour force and employment.

Investment is again emerging as the main growth force in the economy. Expenditures for new capital facilities are expected to reach a level of $403 million, 21% above 1968. This reverses the successive declines in 1967 and 1968 from the previous record high of $391 million in 1966.

The First Quarter

The population of New Brunswick was estimated at 626,000 as of April 1 for a current annual growth rate of

only 0.3%. The number of births in the province continues to fall with 7.8% fewer in the first four months than in 1968. Despite this slowing population trend, labour force growth has picked up considerably in recent months. For the January - April period the labour force averaged 205,000 persons. This was 3.5% more than in 1968, compared to annual increases of 2% or less during the past three years.

Employment was also up, by 1.8% or 3,000 persons. But this did not match labour force growth, and the unemployment rate rose from 11.0% to 12.4%. The Canadian rate averaged 5.7% in the first four months of 1969. The strongest employment gain was in retail and wholesale trade, supported by the manufacturing, construction and service industries. There were fewer workers in the transportation, communication and utilities group.

Reflecting increased employment, higher wages and a slightly longer work week in certain industries, wages and salaries paid to provincial workers totalled $180 million in the first quarter, 11.3% above 1968. This compares with the 11.7% increase for Canada and provincial increases of just over 8% in 1967 and 1968.

These increases in income were quickly transformed into increased consumer spending with the value of retail trade in the first quarter rising 12% to $151.5 million. Last year's overall gain was 8%. Consumer buying in March was stimulated by the tax increases announced in the provincial budget to be effective April 1. Retail sales in March were up 19%; an increase of 6% was recorded for Canada.

Increases of 15% or more were reported in the first quarter by the following store groups - furniture and appliances, drug stores, men's clothing, motor vehicle dealers, and department stores. The number of new motor vehicles sold was 31% more than in 1968. In value terms the increase was 31% with passenger car sales up 34% and commercial vehicles 21%.

Real growth in spending and income was, of course, reduced by continuing inflation. For the first four months the Consumer Price Index for Saint John averaged 3.1% above the January - April period of 1968. This rate of price inflation was equivalent to average increases over the past three years, but less than the 4% national rise.

Manufacturing shipments in the first quarter were valued at $132 million. This was 1.9% above 1968, about half last year's rate of increase. The all - Canada growth so far this year has been 9.9%. The use of electric energy in the Province in the first quarter was up 4.9%.

Trends in forest products continue to be mixed. While the output of sawn lumber was up 14% in January and February and the Pulp and Paper Production Index in the first three months increased 18%, the production of pulpwood fell 4%. The January - March period of the year generally accounts for a small portion of the annual volume of pulpwood. Meanwhile, provincial consumption of pulpwood was up 13%.

Fish landings in the first quarter also account for a minor portion of the annual catch. In this period the value of seafish landings rose 26% while volume fell 36%. These differing trends result from halving of the quantity of herring caught, while the value was down only 15%. The value of the groundfish catch was up 50% while that of molluscs and crustaceans was tripled.

Housebuilding was active in the winter months with first quarter starts numbering 256, up from 172 in 1968. There were 797 units completed compared to 643 last year.

On March 31, 1969 there were 1,380 units in the course of construction, one-third more than a year earlier. Starts in urban centres over 10,000 population numbered 347 in April, triple the number in April 1968.

The value of building permits awarded early in the year also reflect heightened construction activity. The January - February total was $14.4 million, compared to only $2 million in 1968 for the same two months. Increases were reported for industrial, commercial, and institutions and government, while residential permits were down by one-fifth.

Investment Outlook for 1969

Auguring well for the provincial economy this year is the expected increase of 21% in the level of new investment to $402.9 million. A national increase of 9% is forecast with gains of 3% in Quebec and the Prairie Provinces, 7 in British Columbia, 11 in the Atlantic Region and 16 in Ontario. This survey was taken at the beginning of the year and plans may have since changed, especially as the result of recent federal and provincial budgets.

The expected rise of 13% in spending for construction in New Brunswick should provide some relief for the unemployment situation. Spending for machinery and equipment is forecast to rise 36%. In addition, there is some $115.7 million allocated for the repair of existing facilities, 5% more than in 1968. Last year's new investment is now placed at $333.1 million, some $5.5 million above that forecast a year ago.

Manufacturing investment this year may reach $69.5 million, more than double last year. Housing construction is expected to increase about one-third and utilities one-sixth.

Recent National Economic Developments

National economic growth continued strong in the first quarter of 1969 with a 2.0% increase in Real Domestic Product, over the fourth quarter of 1968, equivalent to growth in that quarter. Overall growth this year is expected to be similar to 1968 with perhaps a better balance among the components. New investment is expected to rise 9% over

last year. Exports are continuing to rise, but less rapidly than in 1968. Housing is off to a strong start with first quarter starts (seasonally adjusted) 20% ahead of the fourth quarter of 1968. Corporation profits continue to climb from their low level at the beginning of 1967.

The unemployment rate over the first four months was 4.3% seasonally adjusted, down from 5% about the middle of last year. Prices continued to rise rapidly in the first half of the year. Retail prices increases are not slackening off, while indexes of wholesale prices and building materials are rising at accelerated rates.

Thus, in his recent budget speech the Canadian Minister of Finance referred to the need for federal policy to continue to moderate the growth of demand by reducing rates of growth in government expenditure and continuing recent tax increases. Reduction in inflationary pressures will also depend on United States success in curbing inflation. The rate of growth in G.N.P. in the United States has been slackening in recent months but prices have been rising more rapidly.

The 1969-70 Canadian budget introduced on June 3 provides for a surplus of $390 million, compared with a deficit of $566 million in the year ending March 31, 1969.

The 3% personal income tax surtax was extended until December 31, 1970. The Minister also introduced a number of selective anti-inflation measures.

To increase the degree of price competition in the Canadian market the remaining tariff reductions agreed to by Canada in the Kennedy Round Tariff Negotiations were immediately put into effect. A portion of these reductions have thus been implemented two and one-half ahead of schedule. There were also some modifications liberalizing tariff exemptions for tourists. The government's intentions to increase user charges for airports and apply a tax on air travel were also announced.

Of major interest to this part of Canada was the recognition given in the budget to the need for modifying fiscal policy in accordance with levels of economic activity in different regions of the nation. While the measure adopted at this time is not likely to have major impact on either the underdeveloped or prosperous areas of the country, the principle appears to have been accepted.

The budget speech explicitly noted the pressure on resources in regions such as Ontario where the unemployment rate is under 3% but investment is forecast to increase more

rapidly than in any other. To exert some modest restraint on regional inflationary pressures arising from construction activity, the government is deferring for two years depreciation, or capital cost allowance, for tax purposes on commercial buildings put in place up to the of 1970 in cities of over 50,000 population in the provinces of Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. The increase in commercial building was forecast to be 25% while total building intentions are up 10%. To also ease pressure on construction resources the federal government is deferring major new construction in the same areas.

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(I) POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Table 1 - Population

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	616,000	618,000	623,000	626,000
April	616,000	619,000	624,000	626,000
June	617,000	620,000	624,000	
July	617,000	621,000	625,000	
October	617,000	623,000	626,000	
% change (Apr./Apr.)		(+ 0.5)	(+ 0.8)	(+ 0.3)

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.

Table 2 - Marriages
(number)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	177	184	258	343
February	221	213	174	225
March	148	240	249	179
April	379	315	294	283
May	367	421	426	
June	518	544	459	
July	812	863	651	
August	638	724	778	
September	556	712	752	
October	576	500	500	
November	393	386	408	
December	380	350	384	
Total	5,165	5,452	5,333	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	+ 8.4	+ 5.6	- 2.2	(+ 5.6)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 3 - Births
(number)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	1,050	1,011	1,145	1,039
February	1,017	932	844	894
March	1,094	1,084	1,084	906
April	1,073	1,102	963	884
May	1,144	1,085	1,129	
June	1,066	1,072	946	
July	1,050	1,088	965	
August	1,138	1,019	915	
September	1,155	1,060	838	
October	968	1,003	979	
November	953	947	896	
December	1,014	950	1,046	
Total	12,722	12,353	11,750	
% change	- 10.3	- 2.9	- 4.9	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(- 7.8)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 4 - Deaths
(number)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	391	446	506	430
February	381	378	427	451
March	392	412	500	412
April	412	367	362	386
May	426	389	464	
June	373	416	370	
July	368	444	303	
August	412	423	359	
September	375	413	442	
October	416	404	371	
November	412	386	354	
December	413	416	460	
Total	4,771	4,894	4,918	
% change	+ 1.3	+ 2.6	+ 0.5	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(- 6.5)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

(II) LABOUR

Table 5 - Total Wages and Salaries*
(million dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	45.5	49.9	53.8	59.5
February	45.5	49.3	53.3	60.0
March	45.9	49.7	54.2	60.1
April	46.9	49.2	54.6	
May	48.6	50.8	56.5	
June	51.7	54.9	58.7	
July	51.7	55.6	59.4	
August	50.9	56.1	60.5	
September	51.0	57.0	60.9	
October	51.3	56.6	60.1	
November	51.0	55.1	60.2	
December	49.8	53.7	59.2	
Total	589.8	637.9	691.4	
% change	+ 13.1	+ 8.2	+ 8.4	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 11.3)

Source: D.B.S. 72-005.
*Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Table 6 - Average Weekly Wages and Salaries*
(dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	78.99	84.93	90.96	95.96
February	80.51	85.71	91.04	97.91
March	79.87	86.48	91.36	97.88
April	80.93	86.28	89.40	
May	78.94	83.09	87.19	
June	78.71	84.43	87.65	
July	80.35	83.93	87.50	
August	72.40	84.23	88.21	
September	79.76	86.06	89.43	
October	79.77	86.59	89.56	
November	80.60	85.85	91.46	
December	80.30	85.68	91.50	
Average	79.26	85.27	89.60	
% change	+ 6.0	+ 7.6	+ 5.1	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 6.7)

Sources: D.B.S. 72-001 & 72-002.
*Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Table 7 - Employment Index (seasonally adjusted)*
(1961 = 100)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	113.6	115.9	114.4	114.4
February	113.2	115.2	114.2	117.7
March	114.7	115.2	116.5	118.8
April	119.0	116.3	120.1	
May	116.4	114.5	119.0	
June	117.5	115.8	116.7	
July	116.8	118.7	117.3	
August	114.9	118.4	116.2	
September	113.2	117.3	115.9	
October	113.9	117.9	117.1	
November	114.1	116.1	115.5	
December	115.5	116.0	115.4	
Average	115.2	116.5	116.5	
% change	+ 5.0	+ 1.1	0.0	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 1.7)

Source: D.B.S. 72-002.
*Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Table 8 - Unemployment Insurance Benefits Payments
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	2,041	2,114	2,775	3,256
February	2,630	2,420	3,225	3,190
March	2,858	3,120	3,022	3,310
April	2,424	3,167	2,914	
May	1,736	2,243	2,248	
June	593	681	724	
July	554	593	481	
August	484	480	847	
September	486	422	678	
October	594	510	612	
November	668	616	773	
December	1,134	1,021	1,484	
Total	16,202	17,387	19,783	
% change	- 2.2	+ 7.3	+ 13.8	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 8.1)

Source: D.B.S. 73-001.

Table 9 - Labour Force, Employment and Unemployment
(thousands)

Month	Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969
January	193	200	204	175	178	180	18	22	24	9.3	11.0	11.8
February	193	196	202	171	176	178	22	20	24	11.4	10.2	11.9
March	194	197	202	172	174	177	22	23	25	11.3	11.7	12.4
April	195	201	214	173	179	185	22	22	29	11.3	10.9	13.6
May	199	208		185	196		14	12		7.0	5.8	
June	206	214		197	204		9	10		4.4	4.7	
July	217	221		208	211		9	10		4.1	4.5	
August	216	220		208	210		8	10		3.7	4.5	
September	210	217		203	208		7	9		3.3	4.1	
October	211	207		203	195		8	12		3.8	5.8	
November	208	207		196	194		12	13		5.8	6.3	
December	205	206		191	189		14	17		6.8	8.3	
Average	204	208		190	193		14	15		6.8	7.3	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	0.0	+2.0	(+3.5)	0.0	+1.6	(+1.8)	0.0	+7.1	(+17.2)	0.0	+7.4	(+13.5)

Source: D.B.S. 71-001.

(III) PRIMARY INDUSTRY

Table 10 - Farm Cash Receipts From Farming Operations
(thousand dollars)

Quarter	1965	1966	1967	1968
1st Quarter	15,456	13,978	11,201	11,112
2nd Quarter	17,070	14,572	10,776	12,733
3rd Quarter	12,186	11,927	13,305	12,177
4th Quarter	15,681	13,283	13,545	13,342
Total	60,393	53,760	48,827	49,364
% change	+ 27.2	- 11.0	- 9.2	+ 1.1

Source: D.B.S. 21-001.

Table 11 - Sources of Farm Cash Receipts
(thousand dollars)

	1965	1966	1967
(A) Field Crops			
Potatoes	25,788	16,072	10,260
Fruits	1,573	2,121	2,114
Vegetables	1,083	1,217	1,101
Oats	306	298	276
Other Crops*	1,352	1,140	1,002
Sub-total	30,102	20,848	14,753
(B) Livestock and Livestock Products			
Dairy Products	11,443	11,394	11,610
Cattle and Calves	7,315	7,966	7,637
Eggs	3,654	4,191	3,539
Hogs	3,093	3,363	2,731
Poultry	2,382	3,210	3,384
Sheep and Lambs	255	216	188
Other	469	475	494
Sub-total	28,611	30,815	29,583
(C) Forest and Maple Products	1,402	1,400	1,427

Source: D.B.S. 21-001.
*Receipts from the sale of tobacco are included with "other crops" because less than three firms reporting.

Table 12 - Pulpwood Production-Domestic Use
(thousand cunits)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	46.3	90.5	84.9	92.3
February	30.7	63.9	69.2	65.8
March	30.6	67.1	77.8	64.9
April	25.9	34.5	15.6	
May	26.5	51.7	75.3	
June	162.8	146.5	197.0	
July	150.7	217.8	206.5	
August	125.5	200.9	232.9	
September	140.8	167.2	167.3	
October	172.5	107.4	140.4	
November	131.8	149.9	104.4	
December	113.7	155.5	75.4	
Total	1,157.8	1,452.9	1,534.9*	
% change (Jan.-Mar.)	+ 15.9	+ 25.5	+ 5.6	(- 3.8)

Source: D.B.S. 25-001.
*Includes revisions not shown in monthly figures.

Table 13 - Coal Production
(thousand tons)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	80.2	78.7	70.9	74.5
February	73.4	57.2	63.5	52.3
March	72.5	76.3	61.2	50.6
April	67.1	72.1	58.4	
May	69.1	64.4	63.2	
June	61.1	71.4	58.5	
July	66.2	67.8	69.8	
August	85.4	83.6	70.3	
September	90.0	70.7	60.6	
October	81.4	69.2	78.8	
November	80.4	65.0	68.3	
December	71.5	61.5	73.8	
Total	898.3	837.9	797.3	
Strip	752.8	716.5	715.8	
Shaft	145.7	121.2	81.3	
% change (Jan.-Mar.)	- 9.8	- 6.7	- 4.8	(- 9.3)

Source: D.B.S. 45-002.

Table 14 - Volume of Fish Landings
(thousand pounds)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	1,853	4,640	2,939	6,974
February	1,840	12,775	11,673	10,797
March	4,967	579	18,663	3,401
April	11,003	7,334	16,344	
May	34,326	20,307	43,785	
June	35,235	32,309	34,708	
July	54,409	79,312	65,828	
August	46,130	56,368	73,789	
September	62,095	52,226	98,605	
October	49,610	29,769	49,657	
November	11,315	28,435	27,175	
December	33,455	30,838	92,129	
Total	346,238	354,892	535,295	
% change	+ 19.0	+ 2.5	+ 50.8	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(- 36.4)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002.

Table 15 - Value of Fish Landings
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	98	149	98	430
February	119	279	257	291
March	139	25	346	162
April	317	177	352	
May	1,227	843	1,594	
June	1,543	1,558	1,771	
July	1,702	2,323	1,615	
August	1,661	1,438	1,944	
September	1,740	1,483	2,830	
October	1,103	1,106	1,544	
November	733	779	926	
December	613	616	1,233	
Total	10,995	10,776	14,510	
% change	+ 4.2	- 2.0	+ 34.7	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 26.0)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002.

Table 16 - Volume of Lobster Catch*
(thousand pounds)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	19	21	7	42
February	6	4	5	12
March	4	2	1	3
April	40	14	9	
May	1,148	713	1,360	
June	1,009	1,203	1,051	
July	434	611	66	
August	1,404	706	894	
September	977	907	1,344	
October	376	533	534	
November	444	282	427	
December	258	174	251	
Total	6,119	5,170	5,949	
% change	+ 0.1	- 15.5	+ 15.1	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 338.5)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002.
*Lobsters are also included in the Fish Landings series.

Table 17 - Value of Lobster Catch*
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	18	16	7	37
February	6	4	6	12
March	4	2	1	3
April	28	14	9	
May	618	445	828	
June	571	723	660	
July	238	371	39	
August	730	443	590	
September	511	588	969	
October	196	350	400	
November	332	227	291	
December	193	150	179	
Total	3,445	3,333	3,979	
% change	- 8.8	- 3.3	+ 19.4	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 271.4)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002.
*Lobsters are also included in the Fish Landings series.

(IV) MANUFACTURING

Table 18 - Gross Value of Manufacturing Shipments
(million dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	38.3	41.1	42.6	44.4
February	37.9	39.3	42.7	42.3
March	41.1	44.0	44.6	45.7
April	40.0	41.2	46.0	
May	46.0	47.1	54.3	
June	50.3	51.1	51.2	
July	51.5	47.5	49.8	
August	49.9	48.7	49.1	
September	46.2	47.8	45.9	
October	44.3	47.5	50.4	
November	45.1	48.9	47.5	
December	43.8	42.9	43.3	
Total	534.4	547.1	567.5	
% change	+ 4.2	+ 2.4	+ 3.7	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 1.9)

Source: D.B.S. 31-001.

Table 19 - Pulp and Paper Production Index
(1953 Quarterly Average = 100)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
Jan. - Mar.	177.9	187.4	183.7	216.0
Apr. - June	185.2	171.5	193.6	193.6
July - Sept.	182.9	177.3	183.5	
Oct. - Dec.	190.7	188.4	203.5	
Average	184.2	181.2	191.1	
% change	+ 8.4	- 1.6	+ 5.5	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+17.6)

Source: Based on data from the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association.

Table 20 - Sawn Lumber Production
(million feet, board measure)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	18.4	15.4	21.8	26.7
February	20.6	21.3	22.6	23.9
March	22.6	23.5	21.7	
April	15.3	20.2	15.5	
May	17.9	12.8	18.3	
June	26.7	22.0	20.6	
July	25.8	23.7	18.6	
August	27.0	24.2	25.5	
September	17.7	19.5	18.6	
October	21.7	20.9	25.8	
November	16.2	12.6	18.3	
December	17.9	17.5	22.4	
Total	247.8	233.6	249.7	
% change (Jan.-Feb.)	+ 5.7	- 5.7	+ 6.9	(+ 14.0)

Source: D.B.S. 35-002.

(V) UTILITIES

Table 21 - Net Electric Energy Used*
(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	258	290	311	335
February	236	230	296	306
March	258	300	307	318
April	246	271	292	
May	255	267	299	
June	248	243	280	
July	247	254	278	
August	261	266	284	
September	251	264	285	
October	286	291	312	
November	284	287	379	
December	296	306	349	
Total	3,126	3,269	3,672	
% change	+ 8.4	+ 4.6	+ 12.3	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 4.9)

Source: D.B.S. 57-001.

*This series is based on a sample by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Thus the monthly values do not aggregate to the correct annual totals, which may be found in D.B.S. 57-202.

Table 22 - Net Electricity Provided by NBEPC For Consumption
(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	206	246	267	278
February	186	226	246	256
March	200	241	253	266
April	187	227	243	
May	199	225	242	
June	191	202	238	
July	196	213	223	
August	207	229	249	
September	207	215	237	
October	226	245	261	
November	230	239	268	
December	233	246	279	
Total	2,468	2,754	3,006	
% change	+11.6	+11.6	+ 9.2	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 4.4)

Source: The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission.

Table 23 - Long Distance Calls Originating in New Brunswick
(thousands)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	535	620	706	740
February	505	580	653	681
March	572	653	682	756
April	560	617	679	764
May	611	704	749	
June	637	717	731	
July	668	753	859	
August	725	779	866	
September	660	718	762	
October	649	721	795	
November	641	697	766	
December	668	717	764	
Total	7,431	8,276	9,012	
% change	+12.0	+11.4	+ 8.9	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(+ 8.1)

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

Table 24 - Telephones in Service
(thousands)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	174	185	196	207
February	175	187	197	208
March	175	187	198	208
April	176	188	199	209
May	178	188	201	
June	179	190	202	
July	181	191	203	
August	181	192	203	
September	182	194	205	
October	183	195	206	
November	183	195	206	
December	184	195	207	
Average	179	191	202	
% change	+ 7.2	+ 6.7	+ 5.8	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(+ 5.3)

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

(VI) CONSTRUCTION

Table 25 - Housing Starts and Houses Under Construction (All Areas)
(number)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
(A) Starts				
1st Quarter	258	174	172	256
2nd Quarter	853	875	932	
3rd Quarter	782	952	1,152	
4th Quarter	637	545	1,071	
Total	2,530	2,546	3,327	
% change (1 Q.)	- 10.6	+ 0.6	+ 30.7	(+ 48.8)
(B) Under Construction				
March 31	1,312	997	1,035	1,380
June 30	1,355	1,375	1,445	
September 30	1,625	1,806	1,873	
December 31	1,428	1,506	1,921	
% change (Mar./Mar.)	(+ 8.0)	(- 24.0)	(+ 3.8)	(+ 33.3)

Source: D.B.S. 64-002.

Table 26 - Building Permits Issued*
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	713	1,004	2,098	3,535
February	1,541	436	853	10,824
March	4,937	1,483	5,759	
April	2,769	5,173	4,048	
May	8,819	6,630	6,897	
June	3,000	10,620	9,709	
July	4,239	5,941	5,593	
August	3,811	4,817	6,793	
September	5,937	4,996	8,352	
October	5,096	4,220	9,102	
November	2,041	7,622	4,518	
December	3,024	6,710	11,147	
Total	45,927	59,652	74,869	
% change (Jan.-Feb.)	- 36.7	+ 29.9	+ 25.5	(+386.6)

Source: D.B.S. 64-001.

*Does not cover engineering projects (roads, bridges, dams, etc.) nor non-urban construction.

(VII) TRADE AND FINANCE

Table 27 - Value of Retail Trade
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	39,829	41,264	45,072	50,848
February	36,933	36,551	42,462	43,455
March	46,917	45,779	47,764	57,172
April	48,792	48,397	50,932	
May	47,629	53,347	60,244	
June	48,795	54,396	56,422	
July	49,736	52,585	57,178	
August	44,855	47,056	52,859	
September	46,634	51,372	52,100	
October	50,864	51,798	58,339	
November	52,599	56,485	63,272	
December	66,607	64,197	65,969	
Total	580,190	603,227	652,613	
% change (Jan.-Mar.)	+ 3.9	+ 4.0	+ 8.2	(+ 12.0)

Source: D.B.S. 63-005.

Table 28 - Consumer Price Index (Saint John)
(1961 = 100)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	105.8	109.8	113.4	116.6
February	106.5	110.1	113.6	116.3
March	106.6	110.2	113.9	117.1
April	107.3	110.6	114.3	119.3
May	107.4	110.5	114.7	
June	108.1	110.9	115.2	
July	108.2	111.1	115.9	
August	108.9	112.1	116.3	
September	109.0	111.9	116.2	
October	108.8	111.9	115.7	
November	108.7	111.9	116.2	
December	108.9	112.6	116.4	
Average Index	107.8	111.1	115.1	
% change (Jan.-Apr.)	+ 2.6	+ 3.1	+ 3.6	(+ 3.1)

Source: D.B.S. 62-002.

Table 29 - Cheques Cashed in Clearing Houses
(million dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	340.3	410.3	412.2	460.4
February	316.6	364.2	374.3	416.6
March	342.9	400.7	411.0	423.6
April	372.9	446.2	404.4	
May	383.3	424.0	452.4	
June	395.6	407.4	404.5	
July	358.4	400.0	414.5	
August	376.4	451.1	401.0	
September	359.4	387.2	406.9	
October	355.4	419.9	450.8	
November	383.1	444.8	448.9	
December	398.4	381.8	452.4	
Total	4,382.7	4,937.6	5,033.3	
% change (Jan.-Mar.)	+ 13.1	+ 12.7	+ 1.9	(+ 8.6)

Source: D.B.S. 61-001.

Table 30 - Number of New Motor Vehicle Sales*

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
(A) All Vehicles				
January	1,649	1,284	1,287	1,505
February	1,684	1,044	1,445	2,005
March	2,958	1,790	2,147	2,879
April	2,528	1,975	2,061	
May	2,180	2,507	2,800	
June	1,940	2,293	2,603	
July	1,717	1,569	2,150	
August	1,593	1,612	1,713	
September	1,119	1,255	1,303	
October	1,850	1,607	2,232	
November	1,657	1,588	1,619	
December	2,307	1,321	1,465	
Total	23,182	19,845	22,825	
% change (Jan.-Mar)	+ 2.3	- 14.4	+ 15.0	(+ 30.9)

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Table 30 - (Continued)*

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
(B) Passenger Vehicles				
January	1,338	1,047	1,010	1,230
February	1,424	809	1,176	1,640
March	2,563	1,514	1,793	2,434
April	2,103	1,680	1,764	
May	1,814	2,122	2,331	
June	1,600	1,904	2,150	
July	1,459	1,249	1,752	
August	1,299	1,251	1,381	
September	947	981	1,031	
October	1,574	1,282	1,779	
November	1,426	1,299	1,313	
December	1,897	1,043	1,202	
Total	19,444	16,181	18,682	
% change	+ 3.0	- 16.8	+ 15.5	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 33.3)
(C) Commercial Vehicles				
January	311	237	277	275
February	260	235	269	365
March	395	276	354	445
April	425	295	297	
May	366	385	469	
June	340	389	453	
July	258	320	398	
August	294	361	332	
September	172	274	272	
October	276	325	453	
November	231	289	306	
December	410	278	263	
Total	3,738	3,664	4,143	
% change	- 1.2	- 2.0	+ 13.1	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 20.6)

Source: D.B.S. 63-007.

*Data on Value of Motor Vehicle Sales for 1967 are being computed on a new base and are no longer comparable with pre- 1967 data. Therefore, only the Number of Motor Vehicles are shown.

Table 31 - Life Insurance Sales
(million dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	8.6	8.9	11.0	10.5
February	12.1	13.3	12.7	15.2
March	12.5	12.2	12.4	15.5
April	11.7	12.3	13.1	14.2
May	12.7	13.1	13.5	14.4
June	13.0	12.6	15.1	16.0
July	11.0	11.4	11.4	13.6
August	10.9	11.6	12.1	12.8
September	11.3	13.0	12.2	12.6
October	12.7	14.4	15.0	16.4
November	14.5	14.2	17.2	16.2
December	11.5	13.7	14.6	14.3
Total	142.5	150.7	160.3	171.7
% change	+ 20.4	+ 5.8	+ 6.4	+ 7.1

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.

(VIII) TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM

Table 32 - Total Tourist Car Entries
(number)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
June	116,575	131,007	136,292	151,357
July	224,946	258,266	259,452	283,086
August	206,663	232,829	231,384	278,797
September	130,300	141,107	146,137	147,879
Total	678,484	763,209	773,265	861,119
% change (June-Sept.)	(+4.5)	(+12.5)	(+ 1.3)	(+11.4)

Source: New Brunswick Travel Bureau.

Table 33 - Railway Freight Loaded at Points in New Brunswick
(thousand tons)

Quarter	1965	1966	1967	1968
1st Quarter	1,300.8	1,144.2	1,324.8	1,245.0
2nd Quarter	1,227.0	1,239.5	1,213.5	1,331.7
3rd Quarter	955.0	1,147.6	1,072.0	1,129.5
4th Quarter	1,079.3	1,234.8	1,154.5	1,167.0
Total	4,562.1	4,766.1	4,764.8	4,873.2
% change	+ 0.5	+ 4.5	0.0	+ 2.3

Source: D.B.S. 52-002.

Table 34 - Railway Freight Unloaded at Points in New Brunswick
(thousand tons)

Quarter	1965	1966	1967	1968
1st Quarter	1,771.7	1,763.0	1,807.2	1,580.8
2nd Quarter	1,483.4	1,331.1	1,292.3	1,323.9
3rd Quarter	1,018.2	1,137.2	1,051.3	1,097.5
4th Quarter	1,173.3	1,271.3	1,180.7	1,169.1
Total	5,446.6	5,502.6	5,331.5	5,171.3
% change	+ 8.6	+ 1.0	- 3.1	- 3.0

Source: D.B.S. 52-002.

Table 35 - Total Port Traffic - Saint John Harbour
(thousand cargo tons)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	723.5	813.6	681.3	738.4
February	730.8	550.3	561.7	689.2
March	825.2	828.2	738.3	762.7
April	462.9	444.1	528.8	
May	448.7	386.8	378.7	
June	433.4	394.3	437.4	
July	459.4	367.9	384.9	
August	473.6	400.7	431.2	
September	447.7	316.0	246.7	
October	329.7	441.1	329.5	
November	542.5	458.8	477.1	
December	591.2	403.6	570.1	
Total	6,468.6	5,905.4	5,765.7	
% change	+ 5.8	- 8.7	- 2.4	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+10.5)

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.

Table 36 - Port Traffic - Saint John Harbour
(thousand cargo tons)

Month	Incoming Traffic			Outgoing Traffic		
	1968	1969	% Change	1968	1969	% Change
January	416.6	399.7	- 4.1	264.7	338.7	+ 28.0
February	218.1	383.3	+ 75.7	343.6	306.0	- 10.9
March	414.5	306.8	- 26.0	323.8	455.9	+ 40.8
April	278.0			250.8		
May	241.7			137.0		
June	316.9			120.5		
July	293.8			91.1		
August	334.1			97.1		
September	130.0			116.7		
October	214.4			115.0		
November	333.2			143.9		
December	339.9			230.2		
Total	3,531.2			2,234.4		
% change	+ 5.3			- 12.4		
(Jan.-Mar.)		(+ 3.9)			(+ 18.1)	

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.